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Colorado Trends

Labor force statistics indicate that the State's economy remained weak, but stable, during August. Small gains in both employment and unemployment nudged the seasonally adjusted jobless rate to 7.1 percent, up one-tenth of a percentage point from July. Last year at this time, 5.9 percent of Colorado residents were unemployed. The fact that the unemployment rate has not declined since last October illustrates the poor job market conditions in the State and the near-term prospects aren't any more favorable with the Frontier Airlines bankruptcy impact coming up in the September estimates. The number of jobless reached 119,500 in August, up 200 over the prior month and 17,900 higher than one year ago.

The picture was brighter on the employment side, however, as hirings outnumbered layoffs in August. Total employment, adjusted for seasonal patterns, climbed to 1,575,200. That represented a gain of 1,300 jobholders and came on the heels of a 5,000 rise in July. A year ago, 1,614,500 Coloradans were employed.

The late summer-early fall months are characterized by high seasonal employment activity with falling joblessness in many rural areas of the State. This was apparent in August as 28 of Colorado's 63 counties recorded declines of at least one-half percentage point in their rate of unemployment over the month.

Current labor force movements are a mixture of good and bad news. For example, Pueblo's unemployment rate fell from 12.8 to 11.0 percent with the recall of over 400 manufacturing workers and the opening of the Target Distribution Center; but in Colorado Springs, the rate moved from 6.7 to 7.0 percent due to layoffs in the Area's semiconductor industry.

The nation's unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.8 percent in August. The number of jobless persons was little changed at 8.0 million. Civilian employment rose nearly 300,000 to reach a record 110.2 million.

An independent sampling of Colorado nonagricultural firms displayed slightly better than average growth in new jobs during the August period. Total wage and salary jobs increased by 3,600 during the month to 1,447,900 from the 1,444,300 registered in July. Jobs from this survey are 28,400 above the August 1985 total of 1,419,500.

Most major industry groups in Colorado were higher in August. The exceptions were agriculture, government and mining which all lost jobs during the month

and manufacturing which was unchanged.

The largest drop came in agriculture, down 3,500 due to its usual midsummer lull. Government employment was off by 1,100. State education was primarily responsible for the decline in government, losing 1,600 over the month. Continued weakness in oil & gas extraction (down 600) and coal (down 200) caused the 800 August decline in the mining sector. This situation will be further aggravated by Arco Coal's closure of its Somerset coal mine in late September. The shutdown will idle up to 70 Delta County miners.

Although manufacturing employment held steady in August, one dormant segment in the other food and kindred products subsector will get a boost over the next several months. The first sugar beet harvest in two years got under way near Platteville during September. Beet processing factories in Greeley and Fort Morgan which were purchased last spring by Western Sugar Co. from bankrupt Great Western Sugar Co. have been re-started and are operating at near capacity, employing over 400 workers.

Gainers were led by a 3,000 job increase in services, much above seasonal expectations. New jobs were concentrated in hotels and other lodging places (up 700) and business services (up 1,800).

Trade employment advanced 1,500 in August. Led by a 300 job increase from the opening of a Cub Foods store in Colorado Springs, this industry continues to grow and its outlook for the next several months remains bright. Cub Foods has announced plans for two more Denver stores. Toddy's, an upscale combination supermarket/specialty foods store in Englewood, opened its doors in late September. The store employs 200 people. In other developments, Coast Holding Corp., the parent firm of Coast to Coast hardware stores will move its national offices employing 250 to Denver by April. In addition, Mervyn's hired 1,000 workers in September to staff its four new Denver Area department stores which are nearing completion.

Three other sectors registered small gains in August. Contract construction was up by 500, transportation and public utilities advanced 300 and finance, insurance and real estate added 400.

The State faces an unstable economic climate over the next few months. Expected strength in trade and services employment, however, may help to offset some of the adverse impact of the Frontier Airlines shutdown and other scattered layoffs.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER MSA** held steady in August at 6.4 percent, unchanged from the July level. The rate one year ago was 5.1 percent. The number of jobless workers in the Metro Area rose by 400 over the month to 57,900 from the 57,500 registered in July. Total employment gained 1,500 to 839,800 in August. The increase marks only the sixth time in the past twenty months and the second time since the beginning of the year that the level has posted an increase. Since peaking in December 1984 at 874,900 the number of jobholders in the Denver Region fell to a low of 836,400 in June of this year, a loss of 4.4 percent, before rebounding slightly the past two months to its current level.

Weakness in the oil & gas extraction industry continued over the month with this sector falling another 500 jobs. Since last August the industry in Denver has declined 2,800 to its present employment level of 16,300, a drop of almost 15 percent.

Industries showing improvement over the month were led by business services (up 1,600) and local education (up 900). Growth in local education is experiencing a rebirth at the primary level as kids of the baby boom generation are reaching school age.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE DATA*/

COLORADO

	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	MAY 1986	AUG 1985	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1,694.7	1,693.2	1,697.6	1,716.1	1.5	- 2.9	- 21.4
Unemployment	119.5	119.3	117.1	101.6	0.2	2.4	17.9
Unemployment (%)	7.1	7.0	6.9	5.9	---	---	---
Employment	1,575.2	1,573.9	1,580.5	1,614.5	1.3	- 5.3	- 39.3
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 2/	1,447.3	1,445.7	1,449.4	1,420.2	1.6	- 2.1	27.1
Mining	27.5	28.6	30.0	31.2	- 1.1	- 2.5	- 3.7
Contract Construction	84.8	85.4	88.8	83.6	- 0.6	- 4.0	1.2
Manufacturing	188.7	189.1	191.1	192.2	- 0.4	- 2.4	- 3.5
Durable Goods	119.3	119.5	121.5	122.3	- 0.2	- 2.2	- 3.0
Nondurable Goods	69.4	69.6	69.6	69.8	- 0.2	- 0.2	- 0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	89.9	88.9	89.4	90.5	1.0	0.5	- 0.6
Trade	364.3	364.5	363.9	351.4	- 0.2	0.4	12.9
Wholesale	78.7	79.0	80.1	79.9	- 0.3	- 1.4	- 1.2
Retail	285.6	285.5	283.8	271.5	0.1	1.8	14.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	100.7	100.6	100.5	98.7	0.1	0.2	2.0
Services	340.5	338.2	336.9	321.8	2.3	3.6	18.7
Government	250.9	250.4	248.8	249.6	0.5	2.1	1.3
Federal	52.6	52.6	53.1	53.6	0.0	- 0.5	- 1.0
State	58.7	59.9	57.1	58.4	- 1.2	1.6	0.3
Local	139.6	137.9	138.6	137.7	1.7	1.0	1.9

DENVER MSA

	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	MAY 1986	AUG 1985	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	897.7	895.8	896.5	912.2	1.9	1.2	- 14.5
Unemployment	57.9	57.5	54.9	46.1	0.4	3.0	11.8
Unemployment (%)	6.4	6.4	6.1	5.1	---	---	---
Employment	839.8	838.3	841.6	866.1	1.5	- 1.8	- 26.3
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 2/	831.0	826.5	826.4	817.6	4.5	4.6	13.4
Mining	18.1	18.9	19.6	21.1	- 0.8	- 1.5	- 3.0
Contract Construction	45.1	45.2	46.2	47.7	- 0.1	- 1.1	- 2.6
Manufacturing	98.8	98.8	99.9	102.0	0.0	- 1.1	- 3.2
Durable Goods	52.3	52.2	53.0	54.3	0.1	- 0.7	- 2.0
Nondurable Goods	46.5	46.6	46.9	47.7	- 0.1	- 0.4	- 1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	66.8	63.9	64.7	66.7	2.9	2.1	0.1
Trade	212.5	212.6	211.3	203.8	- 0.1	1.2	8.7
Wholesale	56.9	57.1	58.1	58.3	- 0.2	- 1.2	- 1.4
Retail	155.6	155.5	153.2	145.5	0.1	2.4	10.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	68.4	68.5	68.2	66.6	- 0.1	0.2	1.8
Services	201.1	199.6	199.8	193.5	1.5	1.3	7.6
Government	120.2	119.0	116.7	117.8	1.2	3.5	2.4
Federal	31.3	31.3	30.9	31.8	0.0	0.4	- 0.5
State	25.3	25.4	22.7	24.1	- 0.1	2.6	1.2
Local	63.6	62.3	63.1	62.1	1.3	0.5	1.5

Produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
1/ Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method.
2/ Detail may not add to totals because industry data series have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonable weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*

	AUG 1986	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: 1 MONTH AGO	1 YEAR AGO
Food at Home (1967=100)	291.8	2.7	1.0
Cereals and Bakery Products	307.6	0.3	0.0
Meats, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs	261.1	5.2	6.7
Dairy Products	268.4	- 1.0	- 2.8
Fruits and Vegetables	298.6	4.6	- 4.8
Other Food at Home	358.7	2.3	1.4

NOTE: The entire Consumer Price Index for the Denver Area including the All Items Index and all of its components is published every other month beginning each January. The Food at Home Index which is produced monthly and represented here is published during alternate months.

* Produced by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain-Plains Regions VII & VIII, Kansas City, Missouri.

STATE OF COLORADO

CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO	AUG 2/ 1986 (thousands)	JUL 3/ 1986 (thousands)	AUG 1985 (thousands)		AUG 2/ 1986 (thousands)	JUL 3/ 1986 (thousands)	AUG 1985 (thousands)	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO
					DENVER MSA 1/					
- 4,400	- 22,400	1,707.7	1,712.1	1,730.1	TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (by place of residence)	902.7	902.2	917.7	500	- 15,000
- 4,200	16,800	112.0	116.2	95.2	UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	54.5	55.5	43.4	- 1,000	11,100
---	---	6.6	6.8	5.5	Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.1	4.7	---	---
- 200	- 39,200	1,595.7	1,595.9	1,634.9	EMPLOYMENT	848.2	846.7	874.3	1,500	- 26,100
3,300	- 38,400	1,540.9	1,537.6	1,579.3	Nonagricultural 5/	838.5	836.4	864.4	2,100	- 25,900
- 3,500	- 800	54.8	58.3	55.6	Agricultural	9.7	10.3	9.9	- 600	- 200
3,600	28,400	1,447.9	1,444.3	1,419.5	WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	831.0	828.4	819.8	2,600	11,200
- 800	- 3,700	27.9	28.7	31.6	MINING	18.2	18.8	21.3	- 600	- 3,100
- 100	900	4.1	4.2	3.2	Metallic Minerals	1.4	1.5	1.6	- 100	- 200
- 200	- 400	4.3	4.5	4.7	Bituminous Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 100
- 600	- 4,200	19.5	20.1	23.7	Oil & Gas Extraction	16.3	16.8	19.1	- 500	- 2,800
500	1,300	90.8	90.3	89.5	CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	47.9	47.6	50.7	300	- 2,800
- 400	- 2,300	21.2	21.6	23.5	General Building Contractors	11.3	11.3	13.7	0	- 2,400
900	2,600	15.7	14.8	13.1	Heavy Construction Contractors	8.0	7.6	6.3	400	1,700
100	1,000	53.9	53.8	52.9	Special Trade Contractors	28.5	28.7	30.6	- 200	- 2,100
0	- 3,600	191.1	191.1	194.7	MANUFACTURING	99.7	100.2	102.9	- 500	- 3,200
0	- 3,100	120.7	120.7	123.8	DURABLE	52.8	52.8	54.8	0	- 2,000
100	- 300	7.0	6.9	7.3	Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 200
- 100	- 1,000	9.1	9.2	10.1	Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Products	5.4	5.5	6.2	- 100	- 800
500	- 300	14.5	14.0	14.8	Primary & Fabricated Metals	7.9	7.8	8.0	100	- 100
- 700	200	25.0	25.7	24.8	Machinery, except Electrical	6.4	6.5	6.8	- 100	- 400
- 100	- 2,200	22.6	22.7	24.8	Electric & Electronic Equipment	6.7	6.7	8.5	0	- 1,800
0	1,400	18.1	18.1	16.7	Transportation Equipment	16.2	16.2	14.7	0	1,500
300	- 900	24.4	24.1	25.3	Other Durable Goods	7.1	7.0	7.3	100	- 200
0	- 500	70.4	70.4	70.9	NONDURABLE GOODS	46.9	47.4	48.1	- 500	- 1,200
200	600	26.7	26.5	26.1	Food & Kindred Products	16.8	17.0	16.5	- 200	300
100	600	6.5	6.4	5.9	- *Meat Products* -	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
0	100	2.2	2.2	2.1	- *Dairy Products* -	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	100
100	- 100	18.0	17.9	18.1	- *Other Food and Kindred Products* -	13.5	13.7	13.3	- 200	200
0	0	3.0	3.0	3.0	Textiles & Apparel	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 100
100	200	2.4	2.3	2.2	Paper & Allied Products	2.0	1.9	1.9	100	100
- 400	- 600	22.2	22.6	22.8	Printing & Publishing	12.8	13.2	13.4	- 400	- 600
100	- 600	8.0	7.9	8.6	Chemical & Allied Products	7.2	7.1	7.7	100	- 500
0	- 100	8.1	8.1	8.2	Other Nondurable Goods	6.3	6.4	6.7	- 100	- 400
300	- 700	89.6	89.3	90.3	TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65.0	64.7	64.9	300	100
0	- 400	4.9	4.9	5.3	Railroad Transportation	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 200
- 100	0	18.1	18.2	18.1	Trucking & Warehousing	11.9	12.0	11.7	- 100	200
300	600	18.3	18.0	17.7	Air Transportation	17.5	17.3	16.9	200	600
0	200	7.9	7.9	7.7	Other Transportation	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	200
- 100	- 1,100	40.4	40.3	41.5	Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs.	27.9	27.7	28.6	200	- 700
1,500	13,100	367.4	365.9	354.3	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	212.8	212.3	204.2	500	8,600
- 400	- 1,200	79.5	79.9	80.7	WHOLESALE TRADE	57.4	57.7	58.6	- 300	- 1,400
1,900	14,300	287.9	286.1	273.6	RETAIL TRADE	155.4	154.6	145.4	800	10,000
400	1,600	28.4	28.0	26.8	General Merchandise Stores	16.4	16.3	16.6	100	- 200
- 800	1,600	42.8	43.6	41.2	Food Stores	22.5	23.5	22.2	- 1,000	300
100	0	30.7	30.6	30.7	Automotive Dealers & Gasoline Svc.Sta.	16.2	16.0	16.0	200	200
400	1,300	15.4	15.0	14.1	Apparel & Accessory Stores	8.6	8.4	8.0	200	600
1,000	6,600	111.0	110.0	104.4	Eating & Drinking Places	58.9	58.0	52.9	900	6,000
700	3,200	59.6	58.9	56.4	Other Retail Trade	32.8	32.4	29.7	400	3,100
400	2,000	101.9	101.5	99.9	FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	69.4	69.2	67.5	200	1,900
- 100	- 400	23.1	23.2	23.5	Banking	13.9	13.9	14.0	0	- 100
100	800	18.1	18.0	17.3	Credit Agencies Other than Banks	13.9	13.8	13.1	100	800
0	500	23.7	23.7	23.2	Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	16.9	16.8	16.4	100	500
300	400	27.0	26.7	26.6	Real Estate & Combination Offices	16.4	16.4	15.9	0	500
100	700	10.0	9.9	9.3	Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	8.3	8.3	8.1	0	200
3,000	19,100	345.3	342.3	326.2	SERVICES	204.9	202.8	197.2	2,100	7,700
700	2,900	33.7	33.0	30.8	Lodging & Comb. Lodging & Eating Places	12.6	12.4	12.0	200	600
300	2,900	32.4	32.1	29.5	- *Hotels, Tourist Courts & Motels* -	12.6	12.4	12.0	200	600
100	600	17.3	17.2	16.7	Personal Services	10.5	10.5	10.3	0	200
1,800	5,500	75.9	74.1	70.4	Business Services	53.5	51.9	50.1	1,600	3,400
0	200	16.1	16.1	15.9	Auto & Misc. Repair Services	10.1	10.1	10.2	0	- 100
- 100	3,800	24.8	24.9	21.0	Amusements & Recreation	11.8	11.9	10.8	- 100	1,000
400	1,800	78.8	78.4	77.0	Health Services	45.7	45.6	44.6	100	1,100
100	1,300	10.1	10.0	8.8	Educational Services	7.2	7.2	6.3	0	900
0	1,300	22.8	22.8	21.5	Membership Organizations	12.6	12.6	12.0	0	600
0	1,700	65.8	65.8	64.1	Other Services	40.9	40.6	40.9	300	0
- 1,100	900	234.0	235.1	233.1	GOVERNMENT	113.0	112.7	111.1	300	1,900
0	- 1,000	53.9	53.9	54.9	FEDERAL	31.5	31.5	32.0	0	- 500
- 1,600	200	51.8	53.4	51.6	STATE	23.4	24.0	22.3	- 600	1,100
- 1,600	- 400	31.3	32.9	31.7	Education	10.7	11.2	10.0	- 500	700
500	1,800	120.3	127.8	126.5	LOCAL	58.1	57.2	56.8	900	1,300
500	300	0.5	0.0	0.2	LABOR DISPUTANTS 7/	0.4	0.0	0.2	400	200

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

1/ Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month. 5/ Includes residence adjusted nonag. wage & salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers, and labor disputants. 6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during, or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Industry employment coded under the 1972 Standard Industrial Classification System. Due to rounding, sum of individual items may not equal totals. Other categories within industry series have not been validated by BLS although they are derived from the same source.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	128,840	130,170	130,080	- 1,330	- 1,240
Unemployment 2/	7,410	7,850	6,800	- 440	610
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.0	5.2	---	---
Total Employment 3/	121,430	122,320	123,280	- 890	- 1,850

COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	177,610	176,290	178,490	1,320	- 880
Unemployment 2/	12,450	11,780	10,540	670	1,910
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.7	5.9	---	---
Total Employment 3/	165,160	164,510	167,950	650	- 2,790

FT. COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	86,690	87,730	87,130	- 1,040	- 440
Unemployment 2/	5,810	5,550	4,810	260	1,000
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.3	5.5	---	---
Total Employment 3/	80,880	82,180	82,320	- 1,300	- 1,440

GREELEY MSA (Weld County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	64,720	64,520	65,760	200	- 1,040
Unemployment 2/	5,210	5,180	4,370	30	840
Unemployment Rate	8.1	8.0	6.6	---	---
Total Employment 3/	59,510	59,340	61,390	170	- 1,880

PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	49,450	48,960	49,670	490	- 220
Unemployment 2/	5,460	6,270	5,340	- 810	120
Unemployment Rate	11.0	12.8	10.8	---	---
Total Employment 3/	42,990	42,690	44,330	1,300	- 340

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force estimates are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data.

1/ To facilitate the evaluation of labor market developments, recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method.

2/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

3/ Total resident employment includes nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers, agricultural workers and persons involved in labor disputes.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	AUGUST 1986 PRELIM TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	JULY 1986 REVISED TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5796	5243	553	9.5	5907	5335	572	9.7
ARCHULETA	2603	2425	178	6.8	2647	2442	205	7.7
BACA	2364	2256	108	4.6	2446	2334	112	4.6
BENT	2412	2301	111	4.6	2440	2334	106	4.3
CHAFFEE	5941	5497	444	7.5	6022	5494	528	8.8
CHEYENNE	1154	1096	58	5.0	1248	1118	130	10.4
CLEAR CREEK	2878	2625	253	8.8	2895	2662	233	8.0
CO. SPGS. MSA	179100	167465	11635	6.5	178450	166979	11471	6.4
CONEJOS	2675	2109	566	21.2	2605	2134	471	18.1
COSTILLA	1015	800	215	21.2	1036	809	227	21.9
CROWLEY	1269	1174	95	7.5	1289	1199	90	7.0
CUSTER	1083	1011	72	6.6	1105	1023	82	7.4
DELTA	9057	7936	1121	12.4	9238	7999	1239	13.4
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1031855	970450	61405	6.0	1032573	969662	62911	6.1
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129144	122280	6864	5.3	130364	122933	7431	5.7
-DENVER MSA	902711	848170	54541	6.0	902209	846729	55480	6.1
---ADAMS	156454	145547	10907	7.0	156986	145299	11687	7.4
---ARAPAHOE	204956	193866	11090	5.4	204658	193537	11121	5.4
---DENVER	289269	270431	18838	6.5	289265	269973	19292	6.7
---DOUGLAS	19138	18072	1066	5.6	19005	18041	964	5.1
---JEFFERSON	232894	220254	12640	5.4	232295	219879	12416	5.3
DOLORES	979	908	71	7.3	969	916	53	5.5
EAGLE	12416	11824	592	4.8	12452	11809	643	5.2
ELBERT	3811	3566	245	6.4	3869	3612	257	6.6
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87341	82167	5174	5.9	87298	82183	5115	5.9
FREMONT	10934	9870	1064	9.7	11002	9829	1173	10.7
GARFIELD	14984	13747	1237	8.3	14889	13745	1144	7.7
GILPIN	1384	1282	102	7.4	1367	1270	97	7.1
GRAND	5974	5811	163	2.7	5962	5759	203	3.4
GREELEY MSA	65538	60882	4656	7.1	66378	61423	4955	7.5
GUNNISON	5774	5509	265	4.6	5840	5560	280	4.8
HINSDALE	350	344	6	1.7	352	343	9	2.6
HUERFANO	3001	2602	399	13.3	3073	2626	447	14.5
JACKSON	870	842	28	3.2	907	865	42	4.6
KIOWA	1074	1057	17	1.6	1106	1090	16	1.4
KIT CARSON	4226	4063	163	3.9	4326	4154	172	4.0
LAKE	1824	1616	208	11.4	2008	1627	381	19.0
LA PLATA	16165	14969	1196	7.4	16257	15114	1243	7.6
LAS ANIMAS	4609	4022	587	12.7	4723	4081	642	13.6
LINCOLN	2436	2336	100	4.1	2462	2358	104	4.2
LOGAN	10167	9493	674	6.6	10260	9541	719	7.0
MESA	40850	36890	3960	9.7	41471	37136	4335	10.5
MINERAL	349	312	37	10.6	363	315	48	13.2
MOFFAT	5526	4978	548	9.9	5600	4975	625	11.2
MONTEZUMA	8959	7966	993	11.1	9183	8008	1175	12.8
MONTROSE	10727	9704	1023	9.5	10891	9764	1127	10.3
MORGAN	10690	9578	1112	10.4	10731	9640	1091	10.2
OTERO	9352	8611	741	7.9	9202	8285	917	10.0
OURAY	1231	1105	126	10.2	1218	1123	95	7.8
PARK	3075	2848	227	7.4	3095	2866	229	7.4
PHILLIPS	2495	2393	102	4.1	2559	2453	106	4.1
PITKIN	9599	9287	312	3.3	9712	9410	302	3.1
PROWERS	6834	6418	416	6.1	6980	6459	521	7.5
PUEBLO MSA	49199	43987	5212	10.6	49487	43504	5983	12.1
RIO BLANCO	2827	2617	210	7.4	2872	2634	238	8.3
RIO GRANDE	5943	5063	880	14.8	5845	5049	796	13.6
ROUTT	7350	6880	470	6.4	7384	6845	539	7.3
SAGUACHE	1922	1421	501	26.1	1886	1474	412	21.8
SAN JUAN	511	452	59	11.5	537	460	77	14.3
SAN MIGUEL	2171	2021	150	6.9	2207	2031	176	8.0
SEDGWICK	1498	1413	85	5.7	1524	1440	84	5.5
SUMMIT	10554	10238	316	3.0	10531	10130	401	3.8
TELLER	4758	4346	412	8.7	4744	4326	418	8.8
WASHINGTON	2871	2691	180	6.3	3001	2774	227	7.6
YUMA	5421	5217	204	3.8	5600	5351	249	4.4
STATE TOTAL	1707771	1595734	112037	6.6	1712124	1595881	116243	6.8

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP.
LABOR MKT. INFORMATION

STATE OF COLORADO
AUGUST 1985 REVISED

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5727	5275	452	7.9
ARCHULETA	2621	2441	180	6.9
BACA	2489	2379	110	4.4
BENT	2521	2415	106	4.2
CHAFFEE	6450	5691	759	11.8
CHEYENNE	1184	1158	26	2.2
CLEAR CREEK	2838	2343	495	17.4
CO. SPGS. MSA	180194	170339	9855	5.5
CONEJOS	2722	2212	510	18.7
COSTILLA	1047	831	216	20.6
CROWLEY	1270	1203	67	5.3
CUSTER	1093	1007	86	7.9
DELTA	9037	8278	759	8.4
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1048135	998394	49741	4.7
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	130397	124100	6297	4.8
-DENVER MSA	917738	874294	43444	4.7
---ADAMS	159445	150029	9416	5.9
---ARAPAHOE	207573	199837	7736	3.7
---DENVER	293810	278762	15048	5.1
---DOUGLAS	19173	18629	544	2.8
---JEFFERSON	237737	227037	10700	4.5
DOLORES	981	938	43	4.4
EAGLE	12749	12139	610	4.8
ELBERT	3938	3695	243	6.2
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87904	83623	4281	4.9
FREMONT	11246	10378	868	7.7
GARFIELD	14815	13837	978	6.6
GILPIN	1428	1330	98	6.9
GRAND	5847	5457	390	6.7
GREELEY MSA	66720	62813	3907	5.9
GUNNISON	5727	5520	207	3.6
HINSDALE	327	324	3	0.9
HUERFANO	2948	2623	325	11.0
JACKSON	930	875	55	5.9
KIOWA	1100	1095	5	0.5
KIT CARSON	4386	4276	110	2.5
LAKE	2193	1595	598	27.3
LA PLATA	15883	14902	981	6.2
LAS ANIMAS	5015	4289	726	14.5
LINCOLN	2541	2445	96	3.8
LOGAN	10168	9726	442	4.3
MESA	41694	37965	3729	8.9
MINERAL	376	321	55	14.6
MOFFAT	5829	5308	521	8.9
MONTEZUMA	8973	8213	760	8.5
MONTROSE	11128	10149	979	8.8
MORGAN	10886	9900	986	9.1
OTERO	9798	9134	664	6.8
OURAY	1237	1119	118	9.5
PARK	3099	2906	193	6.2
PHILLIPS	2553	2461	92	3.6
PITKIN	9105	8867	238	2.6
PROWERS	7113	6721	392	5.5
PUEBLO MSA	49415	44316	5099	10.3
RIO BLANCO	2878	2720	158	5.5
RIO GRANDE	5111	4419	692	13.5
ROUTT	8525	7955	570	6.7
SAGUACHE	1943	1512	431	22.2
SAN JUAN	340	217	123	36.2
SAN MIGUEL	2113	2015	98	4.6
SEDGWICK	1557	1478	79	5.1
SUMMIT	8934	8631	303	3.4
TELLER	4903	4605	298	6.1
WASHINGTON	2925	2788	137	4.7
YUMA	5497	5343	154	2.8
STATE TOTAL	1730106	1634909	95197	5.5

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

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AVERAGE MONTHLY LABOR FORCE FOR
JAN 86-AUG 86 -- 9-23-86

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5905	5323	582	9.9
ARCHULETA	2670	2378	292	10.9
BACA	2163	2056	107	4.9
BENT	2315	2210	105	4.5
CHAFFEE	6068	5439	629	10.4
CHEYENNE	1068	1005	63	5.9
CLEAR CREEK	2994	2724	270	9.0
CO. SPGS. MSA	177390	165081	12309	6.9
CONEJOS	2524	2010	514	20.4
COSTILLA	1013	779	234	23.1
CROWLEY	1199	1088	111	9.3
CUSTER	1063	976	87	8.2
DELTA	8995	7768	1227	13.6
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1030270	967937	62333	6.1
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129162	121708	7454	5.8
-DENVER MSA	901110	846230	54880	6.1
---ADAMS	157341	145214	12127	7.7
---ARAPAHOE	203723	193423	10300	5.1
---DENVER	288710	269813	18897	6.5
---DOUGLAS	18943	18031	912	4.8
---JEFFERSON	232395	219750	12645	5.4
DOLORES	971	901	70	7.2
EAGLE	13179	12315	864	6.6
ELBERT	3777	3490	287	7.6
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87572	82188	5384	6.1
FREMONT	11138	9940	1198	10.8
GARFIELD	14794	13411	1383	9.3
GILPIN	1389	1278	111	8.0
GRAND	5985	5720	265	4.4
GREELEY MSA	64571	59361	5210	8.1
GUNNISON	5923	5596	327	5.5
HINSDALE	339	329	10	2.9
HUERFANO	2991	2530	461	15.4
JACKSON	843	788	55	6.5
KIOWA	988	961	27	2.7
KIT CARSON	3886	3714	172	4.4
LAKE	2020	1690	330	16.3
LA PLATA	16444	15018	1426	8.7
LAS ANIMAS	4773	4080	693	14.5
LINCOLN	2282	2169	113	5.0
LOGAN	9695	9034	661	6.8
MESA	41603	36898	4705	11.3
MINERAL	355	311	44	12.4
MOFFAT	5687	4968	719	12.6
MONTEZUMA	9142	7947	1195	13.1
MONTROSE	10811	9277	1534	14.2
MORGAN	10214	9129	1085	10.6
OTERO	9010	8162	848	9.4
OURAY	1227	1075	152	12.4
PARK	3123	2865	258	8.3
PHILLIPS	2305	2206	99	4.3
PITKIN	9819	9264	555	5.7
PROWERS	6736	6236	500	7.4
PUEBLO MSA	49898	44018	5880	11.8
RIO BLANCO	2828	2612	216	7.6
RIO GRANDE	5271	4636	635	12.0
ROUTT	7883	7224	659	8.4
SAGUACHE	1616	1314	302	18.7
SAN JUAN	519	422	97	18.7
SAN MIGUEL	2176	1984	192	8.8
SEDGWICK	1420	1315	105	7.4
SUMMIT	10565	10151	414	3.9
TELLER	4788	4321	467	9.8
WASHINGTON	2633	2437	196	7.4
YUMA	4988	4778	210	4.2
STATE TOTAL	1703809	1584836	118973	7.0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP
LABOR MKT. INFORMATION

ANNUAL AVERAGE 1985

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5785	5334	451	7.8
ARCHULETA	2639	2398	241	9.1
BACA	2247	2138	109	4.9
BENT	2412	2285	127	5.3
CHAFFEE	6168	5555	613	9.9
CHEYENNE	1084	1050	34	3.1
CLEAR CREEK	3068	2836	232	7.6
CO. SPGS. MSA	177075	166614	10461	5.9
CONEJOS	2494	2075	419	16.8
COSTILLA	997	802	195	19.6
CROWLEY	1188	1117	71	6.0
CUSTER	1079	986	93	8.6
DELTA	8907	8016	891	10.0
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1045432	993371	52061	5.0
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	131159	124445	6714	5.1
-DENVER MSA	914273	868926	45347	5.0
---ADAMS	159425	149108	10317	6.5
---ARAPAHOE	206551	198611	7940	3.8
---DENVER	292811	277050	15761	5.4
---DOUGLAS	19073	18514	559	2.9
---JEFFERSON	236415	225644	10771	4.6
DOLORES	986	924	62	6.3
EAGLE	13224	12492	732	5.5
ELBERT	3831	3560	271	7.1
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87956	83160	4796	5.5
FREMONT	11205	10150	1055	9.4
GARFIELD	14782	13599	1183	8.0
GILPIN	1402	1309	93	6.6
GRAND	5825	5576	249	4.3
GREELEY MSA	65318	60971	4347	6.7
GUNNISON	5945	5673	272	4.6
HINSDALE	345	338	7	2.0
HUERFANO	2865	2545	320	11.2
JACKSON	872	823	49	5.6
KIOWA	1019	996	23	2.3
KIT CARSON	4015	3884	131	3.3
LAKE	2205	1915	290	13.2
LA PLATA	16188	15020	1168	7.2
LAS ANIMAS	4947	4257	690	13.9
LINCOLN	2341	2247	94	4.0
LOGAN	9740	9238	502	5.2
MESA	41700	37313	4387	10.5
MINERAL	391	318	73	18.7
MOFFAT	5847	5209	638	10.9
MONTEZUMA	9144	8144	1000	10.9
MONTROSE	11079	9736	1343	12.1
MORGAN	10376	9383	993	9.6
OTERO	9115	8456	659	7.2
OURAY	1251	1101	150	12.0
PARK	3118	2909	209	6.7
PHILLIPS	2356	2269	87	3.7
PITKIN	9486	9023	463	4.9
PROWERS	6877	6473	404	5.9
PUEBLO MSA	49751	44540	5211	10.5
RIO BLANCO	2830	2659	171	6.0
RIO GRANDE	4730	4232	498	10.5
ROUTT	8687	8021	666	7.7
SAGUACHE	1629	1374	255	15.7
SAN JUAN	427	264	163	38.2
SAN MIGUEL	2141	1992	149	7.0
SEDGWICK	1502	1391	111	7.4
SUMMIT	9279	8932	347	3.7
TELLER	4942	4574	368	7.4
WASHINGTON	2676	2525	151	5.6
YUMA	5084	4909	175	3.4
STATE TOTAL	1720000	1619000	101000	5.9

NOTE ON REVISIONS

Residency adjustment factors for estimates of total employment by county have been updated for 1980 Census patterns of commuting and multiple jobholding. Also, the presentation of data in two labor areas has changed. The Denver Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) now includes Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties. The Boulder-Longmont MSA is Boulder County. The Colorado Springs MSA now contains El Paso County. Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to the 1985 Current Population Survey.

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES[1/]

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1986	JUL 3/ 1986	AUG 1985	AUG 2/ 1986	JUL 3/ 1986	AUG 1985	AUG 2/ 1986	JUL 3/ 1986	AUG 1985
CONSTRUCTION	$474.79	$470.04	$487.83	39.5	39.4	39.5	$12.02	$11.93	$12.35
MANUFACTURING	$387.44	$385.67	$381.10	40.4	40.3	40.2	$ 9.59	$ 9.57	$ 9.48
Durable Goods	$399.23	$397.58	$391.27	41.2	41.2	41.1	$ 9.69	$ 9.65	$ 9.52
Nondurable Goods	$369.26	$367.61	$362.67	39.2	38.9	38.5	$ 9.42	$ 9.45	$ 9.42

DENVER MSA[4/]

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1986	JUL 3/ 1986	AUG 1985	AUG 2/ 1986	JUL 3/ 1986	AUG 1985	AUG 2/ 1986	JUL 3/ 1986	AUG 1985
CONSTRUCTION	$507.78	$504.27	$508.42	39.0	39.0	38.9	$13.02	$12.93	$13.07
MANUFACTURING	$427.18	$427.35	$409.20	40.8	40.7	40.0	$10.47	$10.50	$10.23
Durable Goods	$451.77	$452.20	$419.80	42.7	42.5	41.4	$10.58	$10.64	$10.14
Nondurable Goods	$403.65	$403.65	$396.67	39.0	39.0	38.4	$10.35	$10.35	$10.33

1/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.
2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Includes Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties.

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES—DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT

	COLORADO 1/			DENVER AREA		
	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1986
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	13,928	15,656	13,578	7,837	7,630	6,869
Continued Claims	115,892	141,187	121,483	N.A.	N.A.	61,191 2/
Number of Benefit Payments	96,617	121,760	92,741	N.A.	N.A.	43,247
Amount of Benefits Paid	$15,239,814	$19,114,368	$13,781,868	N.A.	N.A.	$6,775,164
Benefit Funds Available	N.A.	N.A.	$85,703,509	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	N.A.	16,841	14,808	N.A.	8,396	6,664
Nonagricultural Placements	N.A.	7,774	9,652	N.A.	2,973	2,977
Agricultural Placements	N.A.	982	651	N.A.	354	271

1/ The Colorado statewide totals for number and amount of benefit payments include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit year payments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.
2/ Does not include count of claims made by Colorado unemployed whose benefits are a result of employment in another state.

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

August 1986 - In Thousands

	United States 1/	Colorado 1/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	120,303	1,712.1	1,588.4	498.4	411.9	687.4	757.2	260.2
Unemployment	8,471	116.2	118.0	38.5	29.9	65.2	42.2	23.5
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.8	7.4	7.7	7.3	9.5	5.6	9.0
Total Employment	111,832	1,595.9	1,470.4	459.9	382.0	622.2	715.0	236.7

* Estimates are not seasonally adjusted. 1/ Revised.

Produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA *

	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 1/ (In Thousands)	105.3	105.7	102.1	- 0.4	3.2
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	- 0.1
Contract Construction	4.8	4.9	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
Manufacturing	29.0	29.0	29.3	0.0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	23.6	23.7	24.1	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.3	5.2	0.1	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Trade	22.7	22.8	21.4	- 0.1	1.3
Wholesale	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail	19.8	19.9	18.6	- 0.1	1.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4.1	4.1	3.8	0.0	0.3
Services	23.1	23.0	21.5	0.1	1.6
Government	18.9	19.2	17.9	- 0.3	1.0

Produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. 1/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during, or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Industry employment coded under the 1972 Standard Industrial Classification System. Due to rounding, sum of individual items may not equal totals. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.
* Boulder-Longmont Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is Boulder County.

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